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Ali AMARA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1648
Application No.: 10/700,507)	Examiner: Stacy Brown Chen
Filed: November 5, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 6288
For:	COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING DC- SIGN BLOCKERS AND METHODS OF USING DC-SIGN BLOCKERS FOR PREVENTING OR TREATING DISEASES OF A MAMMAL, INCLUDING VIRAL INFECTIONS))))))	
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now Reply to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2005, the period for response having been extended to April 17, 2006, by a request for extension of three (3) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 2-8.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 9.